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## Monuments and Ceremonies Commission Meeting Minutes February 7, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM by Chairman, Phil Kraft with the following Commissioners present: Marian Castell, John Geoghegan, Dave Polett, Karen Polett, Charles Scribner, Ken Reiss, Bob Riith, George Walsh and new recruit, Roland Holub.

Dave Polett reported on the reviewing stand he had researched and discussed during the January meeting. The price has gone up about \$300. Total cost now would be approximately \$2500.-\$2800. Dave called Sue Swiatek at Park and Rec and was told storage for the new reviewing stand would be an issue. She suggested that he call Public Works and that they might be able to store the new reviewing stand outdoors at their garage. See attached description of reviewing stand. The new Darien Police Dept. building also was mentioned as a possible storage facility for the reviewing stand. Motion made by Ken Reiss, second John Geoghegan that our Commission be empowered to purchase this stand if and when the storage and money issues are resolved.

Suggestion was made that perhaps the Senior Men's organization might be interested in purchasing this stand as a tribute to Phil Morehouse. A plaque with Phil's name could be affixed to the reviewing stand. George and John will approach the Senior Men tomorrow and get back to either Phil or Dave.

Dave mentioned the Patriot Brass Ensemble, which would agree to play in our Memorial Day Parade for \$2500. If the Senior Men agree to purchase the reviewing stand, our Commission could pay for this new band and a motion to pay this band was made by George Walsh, second Dave Polett. Also discussed was the possibility of a local bank or store sponsoring this band. Dave will call a band representative and attempt to find a lesser price for marching down the Post Road.

George Walsh presented a biography of John Geoghegan whom he proposed as the Memorial Day Grand Marshall. At our January meeting, Phil Kraft was already voted on as Grand Marshall for this year's Parade. Pam Zago should be contacted and invited to the March Monuments and Ceremonies Commission meeting to enlist her SOS group's assistance with the Memorial Day Parade. A Speaker is needed for the Memorial Day ceremony at Spring Grove Veteran's Cemetery. Chick reminded commissioners that the wreaths would be removed from the cemetery soon.

Old White Bridge plaque needs to be placed near the bridge sometime this year, which marks the centennial of the stone.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM on a motion by John Geoghegan, second Ken Reiss. Next meeting will be held in Room 206 at 3:30 PM on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

Submitted by,

*Karen Kreitzberger Polett, chair*  
for  
Karen Kreitzberger Polett

Secretary